

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Koichi NUMATA et al.

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For: FUEL REFORMING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE FUEL  
REFORMING APPARATUS

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
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